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THE EVE OF 40 YEARS!

From Tim Lawhern, Hunter Education Administrator

Some of you are aware it was in the summer of 1967 our first official hunter education course was offered by the Wisconsin Conservation Department (now the DNR). When the calendar trips to 2007, we will be celebrating 40 years of Hunter Education in our state! Congratulations to all of you serving in the Basic Hunter, Bowhunter, and Advanced Hunter Education programs. We are blessed having so many of you serving for so many years giving unselfishly of your time and energy. There are still a handful of folks serving with us that taught in the first year (1967) of the program.

In August of this year the Hunter Education Program will be celebrating 40 years of our history. The Statewide Conference will be in Middleton. We expect up to 300 volunteers to attend. At the conference we will celebrate our past successes, review where we are today, and hear from the experts on what the next 20 - 25 years might look like. We will pool the brain power of over 300 attendees to start the beginnings of a strategic plan for the future of our hunter education program.

In order for us to continue our heritage, we must remain viable and be of significance to society. Placing the correct bricks in the foundation of our future is needed in order for those after us to be able to address the changing trends of social, technological, environmental, economical and political issues.

By this time next year, we should have a very good plan on what we must and shall do for the next 5 years to position our program in such a way to protect our tradition. It will be with your help this is done. How much time you are able to contribute is a personal matter. However, every minute you provide is like an investment into our account for the future. Time, after all, is the one thing each of us has exactly the same amount of. How we choose to spend it is affected by many things. We appreciate every minute you provide.

Saturday evening we will have a banquet. Our guest speaker is Father Theodore Vitali, the head of the Psychology Department of St. Louis University. He is a dynamic speaker. Father Vitali will speak about why hunting is a righteous endeavor.

On Sunday, we will roll up our sleeves; put our minds to work on changes that need to be made, how we plan to accomplish these changes, and the time frame we need to accomplish them. We want to put into place the "big rocks", those things that are critically important. For this, we have former International Hunting Education Association, Executive Vice President (IHEA EVP), Eric Nuse, as our facilitator. Eric did exactly the same thing for the IHEA.

One last thing; in the draft agenda we listed the attire we wished everyone to wear for certain events. Please Disregard this. Wear whatever you deem appropriate for the occasion. You might even see me in blue jeans!

Thank You for being there for the Hunter Education Program. Thank You for volunteering so much of your time. Thank You for sharing your knowledge and skills with so many new hunters. Thank You for making hunting a safe and respectable sport. Thank You for knowing, practicing and teaching the 4 basic rules of Firearms Safety! (TAB-K) Treat every firearm as if it is loaded; Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; Be certain of your target and what's beyond it; and Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot. We are only as safe as our next hunt. Remember, Safe Hunting IS no Accident.



Hunter Education Conference 2006

Get your registration in for an exciting Statewide Hunter Education Conference.

DATE: August 18-20, 2006

PLACE: Marriott Madison West
 1313 John Q Hammons Drive
 Middleton, WI 53562

FIRST 300 Instructors who COMPLETE and RETURN the conference registration forms will be accepted.

Non-refundable charge of \$30 includes meals, lodging and full participation at the conference.

REGISTER NOW

CALL 608-266-4539

OR

EMAIL peggy.gray@dnr.state.wi.us

See YOU there!!

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR ACADEMY MAY 2006

*From Recreational Safety Warden -
John Bronikowski*

Greetings from the Southeast Region.

May 19 - 21, 2006 we held a Hunter Education Instructor Academy at Fort McCoy. Those in attendance gave glowing reviews of the program.

The Hunter Education Instructor Academy is some of the best training available on new teaching methods for instructors. The DNR advocates the EDOC method of teaching, which involves more hands-on training of students and less lecturing. Educational studies show that students learn faster and retain more of what they learn when they receive hands-on activities versus listening to a lecture.

It is the goal of the department to have one or two people from every instructor group in the state receive the training at the Hunter Education Instructor Academy.

Find a representative to attend the next session - your group will be glad you did. Learning the latest teaching techniques and following standardized lesson plans will make sure you are doing the best job of training new hunters.

For more information on the Hunter Education Instructor Academy, please call John Plenke at 262-574-2163 or John Bronikowski at 262-884-2383.



May 2006 Hunter Education Instructor Academy Attendees

NEW CHANGE TO FIRST TIME GRADUATE PRIVILEGES

In 2006, first-time hunter education graduates will be eligible for a free deer carcass tag valid statewide. This free tag will replace the use of the Hunter Education Certificate as a "hunter's choice" permit.

Basically, ANY first time graduate of a Wisconsin Hunter Education Course is able to obtain a free antlerless deer carcass tag, which will be valid in any unit statewide, and may use it for either archery or firearms seasons, with the appropriate archery or gun deer license.

The only place a graduate can obtain one of these free tags is from a DNR service center. They simply need to show their card at any DNR service center **on or after August 26** and they will be given a free antlerless deer carcass tag.

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

*From Recreational Safety Warden
Christopher Wunrow*

Do you know someone who wants to become a volunteer hunter education instructor?

If so, I will be holding a workshop to certify new volunteer instructors on July 15. Registration will start at 8:00 AM. The workshop will be completed by mid-afternoon. This training will be held in Park Falls at the Padua Center, located at 276 South 5th Avenue. There is no cost to attend this workshop. This workshop will cover all the aspects needed to teach a hunter education class from start to finish. Upon successful completion, attendees will leave with an instructor manual and a volunteer instructor hat.

Information provided on the instructor application, filled out at the end of the workshop, will be used for a background investigation to be conducted. Explain to those who register, if they have some instances in their background that may preclude them from

passing the background investigation, they should not attend this workshop. Pre-registration is required. If you know of anyone interested in attending this workshop, they can register by e-mailing me at Christopher.Wunrow@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling me at 715-635-4112 by June 29.

INTRODUCING MARIAN JORDAN--

Marian Jordan came to DNR in March 2006 to provide support to the Hunter Education Safety Program, the Hunter Education Administrator and the Recreational Safety Section.



Marian Jordan

Some of her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Reviewing and approving requests from instructors for class supplies,
- 2) Maintaining a file of current classes,
- 3) Reviewing accuracy and validity of class rosters,
- 4) Keeping accurate record of monies received,
- 5) Responding to inquiries of safety program,
- 6) Assisting Recreational Safety Wardens with requests.

Feel free to contact Marian via email Mariantonette.Jordan@dnr.state.wi.us or phone 608-267-7509 with questions or comments you have regarding Hunter Safety. Marian looks forward to better serving each of you and the Hunter Education Safety Program!

Hints for you—from Evelyn's Desk

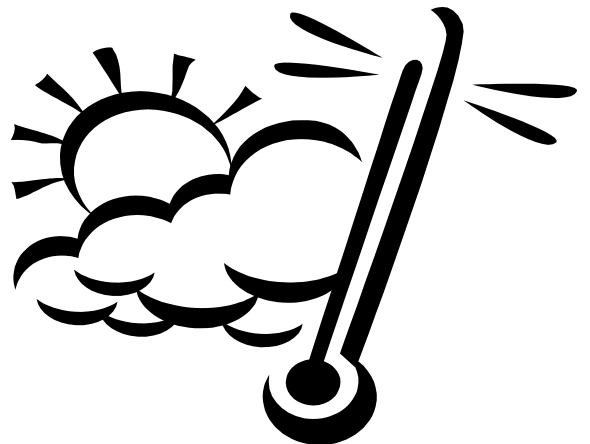
Several of the instructors have asked questions about the Start Card Link. I'm sorry for the temporary inconvenience. Due to a problem with the normal link used for sending your start card by electronic mail, the following link is being used. Keep looking for the old link, as it should be usable soon.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructorforms.html>

1. Click on the link above.
2. Then select 8500-130 Safety Course Registration Start Card [PDF](#) [WORD](#)
Select either PDF or Word Format. The PDF form is not fill-able. The Word version is.
3. Fill in form and email it to--
LESafety@dnr.state.wi.us
or mail it to--
**WDNR Bureau of Law Enforcement,
PO Box 7921,
Madison WI 53707-7921.**

If you have suggestions or questions, I can assist you with, feel free to call me at 608-266-2143 or email me. evelyn.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us.

Happy Summer!



Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but
it is most important
that you do it.

✉ [Mahatma Gandhi](#) (1869-1948)

Preeminent leader of Indian nationalism.



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